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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
14 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

15 CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING  
16 PROTECTION ALLIANCE, a non-profit  
17 corporation,

17 Plaintiff,

18 vs.

19 AARON METALS COMPANY, a  
20 corporation.

21 Defendant.

Case No. 3:07-cv-3547-WHA

**DECLARATION OF DOUGLAS J.  
CHERMAK IN SUPPORT OF  
CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING  
PROTECTION ALLIANCE'S MOTION  
TO EXTEND THE CASE  
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

Conference: October 18, 2007  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Courtroom: 9

24 I, DOUGLAS J. CHERMAK, do declare and if called to testify would testify as follows:  
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26 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of California and I represent Plaintiff

27 California Sportfishing Protection Alliance ("CSPA") in the above-entitled action.  
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1           2.       On July 9, 2007, CSPA filed a complaint to initiate the above action. CSPA has not  
2 yet served the complaint on the defendant, Aaron Metals Company ("Aaron Metals"), in order to  
3 facilitate ongoing settlement discussions.

4           3.       Since filing the complaint, CSPA and Aaron Metals have engaged in confidential  
5 settlement discussions, including a site inspection. The parties are close to reaching an agreement.  
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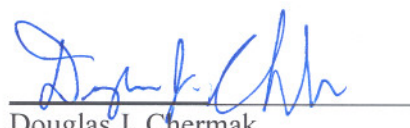
7           4.       On September 29, 2007, I had a phone meeting with Christine Noma, counsel for  
8 Aaron Metals. We agreed that since we were close to reaching a resolution, it would make sense for  
9 the Court to extend the date for the Initial Case Management Conference while the parties finalize a  
10 settlement agreement. CSPA agreed to file the accompanying motion to ask for an extension.  
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12           5.       On October 10, 2007, counsel for Defendant reviewed Plaintiff's motion and has  
13 indicated that Defendant has no objection to it.

14           6.       Based on the likelihood of settlement, I believe that extending the date of the Initial  
15 Case Management Conference will conserve both the Court's and the parties' resources.

16           Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and under the laws of California, I declare under penalty of  
17 perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 11th day of October, 2007 in Alameda,  
18 California.  
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21 Dated: October 11, 2007



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